Salient features of consumer protection Forum

585. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of Justice Eradi report on consumer protection forum; and

(b) what recommendations have been implemented so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIAL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Hon'ble Justice Eradi made the following main recommendations in response to Hon'ble Supreme Court's Order dated 17 January, 1990:

(i) that State Commission and District Forms should be provided with basic minimum staff structure;

(ii) that the President of the State Commission and District Forums should be declared as Head of Office and should be provided with adequate impreset fund to meet day to day requirements; and

(iii) that certain posts may be created for National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission etc.

(b) Central Government has created necessary posts as recommended by Justice Eradi and directed by Hon'ble Supreme Court. The remaining recommendations have been sent to the State Government for compliance as they are concerned with them.

Computer applications in Sanskrit studies and research

586. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the details of projects funded for computer applications in Sanskrit Studies and Research;

(b) the Sanskrit Institutions which have been indentified for computer based Education and Research in Sanskrit; and what is the amount given to each Institutions;

(c) what is the mechanism to coordinate these project and exchange of their research contributions;

(d) whether these centres are connected through some computer network, if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, which existing educational computer network can be accessible to these institutions and at what costs and what concrete promotional efforts have been made in this direction details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) A number of projects have been funded for computer applications in Sanskrit Studies & Research under the Technology Development for Indian Languages (TDIL) Programme of the Department of Electronics. Projects/institutions where these have been initiated and the funds released are given in the list.

(c) These projects are being co-ordinated by the Department of Electronics and monitored on a six monthly basic through status reports and steering committees. Exchange of the research contributions of these institutions are planned through Annual-TDIL-meet. Also(need-based exchange of information between institutions doing similar work is envisaged.

(d) and (e) No, Sir. As the requirement for on-line interaction between these organisations are minimal as present, networking facilities are not envisaged. However, when they grow to a level requiring such facilities, the existing Educational & Research Computer Networks such as ERNET (Educational & Research in Networking of the Department of Electronics) would be made available on an actual cost sharing basis.